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Kittleson Receives Shepard Award

The MSO annually presents the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to a person who exemplifies the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family. The MSO Board of Directors unanimously voted to present its highest award for exemplary contributions to the



Russ and Jean Kittleson at a reception in their honor in Paris

art and science of orthodontics for 2005 to Dr. **Russell T. Kittleson**, Mequon, Wisconsin.

Russ graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1958 and then received his training in orthodontics at the University of Illinois, finishing in 1960.

Instrumental in initiating the graduate training program in orthodontics at Marquette in 1961, Russ currently serves as

Adjunct Professor and has maintained continuous teaching service for forty-five years. He has been very actively involved in the major fundraising efforts for the new Marquette orthodontic department.

Russ has served as president of numerous organizations including the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontics, the Marquette University Dental Alumni Association and the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. He also served as chairman of the Wisconsin

Section of the American College of Dentists.

Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Pierre Fauchard Honorary Dental Society and the American College of Dentists all have honored Russ. In 1997 he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry by Marquette University. The Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists recognized him with a special service award in 1991, and the Marquette Orthodontic Department acknowledged him in 2000 for his dedication and contributions.

Russ has lectured regionally, nationally and internationally. By the generous sharing of his knowledge, as well as being a mentor, he has made orthodontists under his guidance feel like family. He has the unusual distinction of being a teacher of every orthodontic student who has ever graduated from the Marquette orthodontic program.

Russ and his wife, **Jean**, have three married sons: **Roger**, a Williams College history professor; **Gary**, an

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President's Report

Bonjour and Merci... greetings and many "thanks and accolades" to the MSO leaders who contributed to a very memorable experience for over 100 MSO members who traveled all the way to Paris this fall to be a part of the Sixth International Orthodontic Congress.

The 2005 MSO Annual Business Meeting, held in Paris, had a record attendance. Please see page 23 for more detailed information.

The MSO has been working on long-range planning and in that process has developed a Mission Statement to help guide us into the future. That statement is:

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO), as a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), supports the mission of the AAO by providing resources, communication and leadership, while serving as a voice for its component societies and individual members.

Thank you to Drs. **Lee Graber**, **Bill DeKock** and **Mike Inda** and his wife, **Pat**, for all of their efforts in making this such a memorable meeting. Also, special thanks to the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists and



James G. Klarsh

Minnesota Association of Orthodontists for underwriting some of the costs for this meeting.

Unfortunately, as many of us were preparing to travel to Paris, many of our colleagues back in the states were facing extreme challenges at home after hurricane Katrina. MSO was the first constituent to step forward to donate to the AAO Disaster Relief Fund to assist our col-

leagues both during this time of crisis and in the future. MSO components also are being asked by AAO to consider their own contribution to this AAO fund. For more information on Katrina-related issues, please refer to www.aaomembers.org.

Much of this "quick responsiveness" in communication and decision-making has been due to the board's regular communication via LISTSERV. This has streamlined administrative issues and enabled the board to focus on long-range planning and "bigger picture" grassroots and international issues that are impacting MSO members.

MSO's March 10-11 Ad Interim Board Meeting also will focus on continuing the process of long-range planning and preparing resolutions and delegation strategy for the 2006 AAO House of Delegates sessions in May.

There will be a number of issues of key importance to members discussed at this meeting that could greatly impact dues rates and the future of orthodontics. If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact a member of the 2006 delegation: **Steve Marshall**, **Jackie Miller**, **Mike Hipp**, **Kevin Horner**, **John Kanyusik**, **Brent Larson**, **Steve Litton**, **Arnie Hill**, **Steve Roehm** and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** or your component director.

MSO is recognized as a constituent that grooms and provides strong leaders through the dental profession worldwide. Of specific importance will be two ad hoc committees providing feedback regarding MSO's nominees for future positions as our representatives to the ABO and the AAO Board of Trustees. If you have an interest in serving on either of these boards or know of a qualified candidate, please contact ABO Director Search Committee Chair **John Kanyusik** (kanyusik@myclearwave.net) and/or AAO BOT Trustee Search Committee Chair **Keith Levin** (colevin@shaw.ca).

In addition to the board's continued work on our own long-range plan, we also sent Dr. **Brent Larson** as our representative to the Southern Association of Orthodontists' strategic planning process for the orthodontic specialty last October.

The 2006 MSO Annual Session planning committee invites you to reserve the dates of September 15-17 to join us in my hometown of St. Louis. The meeting planned to "Show Me Excellence" will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Union Station, located within walking distance of the new Busch stadium. I truly thank the committee members for their creativity and planning this great meeting. Drs. **Mike Purcell**, general arrangements chair; "**Buzz**" **Behrents**, scientific chair; **Jackie Miller**, staff program chair; **Jeff Cavanaugh**, social chair; and **Kevin Horner**, exhibits chair have done an outstanding job. Refer to the meeting info on page 23 and 24 or www.msortho.org for additional details and be watching for registration materials to arrive in June.

In order to continue MSO's focus on communicating with and assisting components and members at the grassroots level, MSO officers also are evaluating a policy that would formalize attendance of officers on a rotating basis at component meetings.

Component leaders also should be aware that AAO now has a component leader handbook available. If you have not received a copy already, you may request one from acraig@aaortho.org at the AAO headquarters.

AAO also communicates important updates to the membership via their *Straight Off the Wire* e-mail service. If you are not receiving these and would like to, be sure your

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Trustee's Report

As you read this newsletter, I hope you are taking some time from what has been a good holiday season for you, your family and friends. The opportunity to give thanks in a land where we have the freedoms to do so in the way in which we choose – or choose not, is a gift we all can value and appreciate.

This year has been a very special year for me, serving as your trustee of the AAO and, at the same time, as president of the World Federation of Orthodontists. The highlight was this year's Sixth International Orthodontic Congress in Paris, attended by over 8,500 colleagues and staff from around the world. The most special group of attendees at this meeting, though, was the delegation of MSO members and their families. It was good to have so many supportive colleagues share this once-in-a-lifetime professional and social experience in Paris.

Our MSO Board met all day in Paris (yes...they spent the WHOLE day in a conference room) reviewing the programs we are running and how we interface with the AAO. Your Board is a dedicated group and they are to be commended for their time and effort on behalf of orthodontics here in the Midwest. The annual business meeting was the best attended meeting we have held in years – and was topped only by the outstanding MSO-hosted reception. Thanks go to our MSO officers and our Executive Director, **Kristi Burmeister**.

All of us are aware of the critical shortage of funding for our graduate programs and the equally important shortage of qualified orthodontic faculty. A survey of the orthodontic programs carried out this fall demonstrated that reduced salaries are a prime cause of the problems with faculty shortages. With the severe cuts seen in dental school funding, faculty salaries have suffered. In addition to contributions to the AAOF to support research and faculty projects, AAO members have been encouraged to contribute to their own orthodontic training programs to help them in this difficult time.

While the AAOF supports the basic research efforts in many universities, as an organization, we have as yet to make a direct contribution to the schools to support faculty salaries. A special committee has been looking at this issue in order to report their findings and make recommendations to the 2006 House of Delegates. This year there will be a proposal to increase dues to allow direct support of orthodontic faculty. This committee's findings will provide the background for a potential business plan if the HOD decides to accept a program on behalf of members. The method and the amount per member will be the focus of discussion at our ad interim meeting in March. If you have questions or comments, please contact your MSO director.

The other major issue is the potential start of a new

Consumer Awareness Program. See the Council on Communications report on page 7.

Staff interest in training has skyrocketed with ever-increasing numbers attending our AAO and MSO annual sessions. The AAO distance education program has been expanded to allow staff to sign up under their doctor's original registration and receive continuing education credit for online educational materials. These programs make excellent material for a staff "lunch & learn" or retreat/meeting. New staff training materials reviewed by COOP and the BOT will provide an excellent resource to train new orthodontic staff members and bring all of your current staff members to a high level of proficiency.

For those who have staff who might consider making a presentation at the 2006 AAO Annual Session, there will be a staff competition. Details are listed at www.aomembers.org. Cash prizes will be available! Please continue to monitor *The Bulletin* for material on staff as this can be one of your best member benefits.

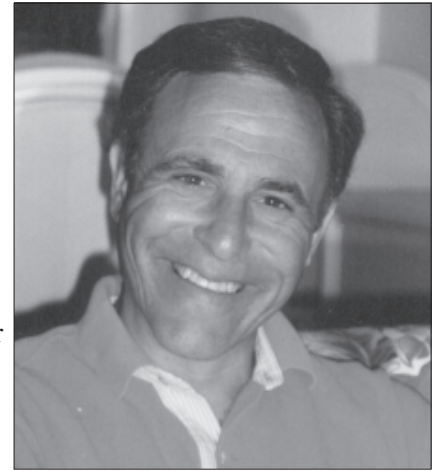
The BOT is interested in making AAO member volunteer time more effective and efficient. To that end, it continues to explore the use of digital technologies to reduce the use of printed materials and make access to materials quicker and more universal.

There is still time to register for the "Orthodontist as CEO" meeting to be held February 10-12, 2006, at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. Take advantage of an advanced learning opportunity designed by COOP and COIT to help you with the business aspects of running your orthodontic practice.

Finally, if you have not as yet registered for the 2006 AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas from May 5-9, now is the time to do so. The majority of AAO members now use the registration available on www.aomembers.org as it is the most convenient way to get the hotel assignment and any special meeting tickets you might want.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for allowing me to serve, and have a happy and healthy new year.

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Membership Report

Current Membership – November 21, 2005

Active Members	1,011
Affiliate Members	7
Associate Members	18
Retired Members	278
Academic Members	1
Total Members	1,315

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	365
Iowa	83
Manitoba	22
Minnesota	157
Missouri	157
Nebraska	50
North Dakota	11
South Dakota	19
Wisconsin	147

Deceased Members

James R. Buntain – Evanston, Illinois
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Isaac C. Yue – Chicago, Illinois

Transfers to/from MSO

Jason R. Huse – Transfer from PCSO to St. Cloud, Minnesota
John Ashby – Transfer from MSO to SAO
Ram K. Grandhi – Transfer from MSO to PCSO
Manjari Manoharan – Transfer from MSO to GLAO
Joe Rebellato – Transfer from MSO to SAO
Grace Richardson – Transfer from MSO to NESO
Darren Rodabough – Transfer from MSO to PCSO
Andrew N. Young – Transfer from MSO to SWSO

*Membership data from June 15, 2005 to November 21, 2005.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of November 18, 2005

Checking/Investment Accounts

Money Market	\$152,238.11
CDs	\$109,868.10
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$68,229.54
Subtotal	\$330,335.75

President's Reception Fund

Money Market	\$655.01
Treasury Note	\$8,761.03
Subtotal	\$9,416.04

Total Cash Assets \$339,751.79

News and Notes about our Members

- Thank you to the following MSO members who attended the AAO Leadership Conference in January 2005 in St. Louis on behalf of the MSO: Drs. **Kevin Cook, Ross Crist, Lori Fulk, Paul Hermanson, Jim Klarsch, Jim Kohl, Virginia Mennemeyer** and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**. Other MSO attendees and the organizations they represented were **Jeff Cavanaugh** (AAOF), **Kevin Denis** (Minnesota), **Tim Dumore** (Manitoba), **Curtis Geyer** (Iowa), **Greg Hoeltzel** (COHC), **John Kharouf** (South Dakota), **David Lebsack** (Missouri), **Steve Litton** (COMEJC), **Rick Sikora** (Illinois), **Joyce Simmons** (Nebraska), **Lee Graber** (AAO) and **Kristi Burmeister**, our executive director.

- Thank you to the following MSO members who will represent MSO at the 2006 Governmental Affairs

Conference in March: Drs. **Ryan VanLaecken**, Watertown, South Dakota; **Jane Bentz**, Onalaska, Wisconsin; **Carlin Wiemers**, Mankato, Minnesota; **Richard Perkins**, Iowa City, Iowa; **Ara Goshgarian**, Lake Forest, Illinois; **Dennis Sommers**, Minot, North Dakota; **Joyce Simmons**, Valentine, Nebraska; **Spencer Pope**, Flossmore, Illinois; **Michael Hipp**, Des Moines, Iowa; and **Mark Dake**, West Plain, Missouri.

- Congratulations to Dr. **Katherine Kula**, Kansas City, Missouri, as a delegate to ADEA's Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Samir Bishara**, Iowa City, Iowa, on his appointment to the ADA's Standards Committee for Dental Products.

Important Search Committees Formed

ABO Director Search Committee

The MSO has formed a search committee to seek candidates to replace current ABO Director **Vance Dykhouse** when his term expires in May 2007. The committee members include our current ABO Director, **Vance Dykhouse**, as well as Drs. **Russell Kittleson, Steven Marshall, David Musich** and **John Kanyusik** as Chair. The committee is charged with selecting three to seven candidates whose names then will be forwarded to the MSO Board for review, then sent to the ABO Board for final selection. The candidate will need to be recertified by the ABO by February 2006.

If you are interested in serving or have a recommendation for the position, please notify me at 507/388-2989 or kanyusik@myclearwave.net.

ABO Director Search Committee Chair
John Kanyusik

AAO Trustee Search Committee

The MSO has appointed a search committee to identify candidates to replace current AAO Trustee, **Lee Graber**, when his term expires in May 2009. The new trustee's term begins in May 2008. The search committee members include Drs. **Tom Stark, Steve Roehm, Jim Klarsh, Steve Litton** and **Keith Levin** serving as Chair. The term of the trustee is four consecutive two-year terms, then continuing on as an officer and, eventually, president of the AAO in 2019.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity or have a recommendation of someone for this prestigious position, please notify me at 204/989-5640 or colevin@shaw.ca.

AAO Trustee Search Committee Chair
Keith Levin

AAO Council Reports

These reports are submitted by MSO's representative on each of these councils.

Council on Communications

The Council on Communications met December 2-3, 2005, in St. Louis and discussed a number of items.

The Council heard a presentation from Schupp Company, a St. Louis-based advertising firm, which is working on a proposed public awareness campaign.

This prospective program is very different from previous AAO Consumer Awareness Programs in that a significant amount of market research is being completed prior to the development of the public awareness message. We wish to ensure that the funds expended will be a good investment for our members and their patients. Using an independent research group, Synovate Consumer Household Panel, 1,131 households were surveyed on issues including their attitudes toward their dental health care choices, orthodontics and cosmetic dental care.

Schupp Company then held interviews with selected members of COC and BOT to get their views on issues that potentially were impacting orthodontic services to patients. These interviews, along with the responses to the surveys, helped to formulate special questions and "positioning statements" for testing in small focus groups. A separate research company was hired to conduct the focus group interviews and report their findings to the Schupp Company and AAO.

While this methodology may appear cumbersome, the use of different research entities and the varied protocols have allowed AAO to get the most accurate and "unbiased" consumer information possible and follows the principles of good social science research. We as practitioners often assume we know what the consumer wants and thinks...but because we are "players," we really have to divorce ourselves from the actual data gathering, allowing accurate responses and interpretation. Data has confirmed that there is significant confusion with health care consumers as to the role of orthodontics, orthodontists and esthetic dental procedures. Indeed, one of the strongest findings was a lack of understanding of the educational difference between a general practitioner and a specialist.

A DVD was sent to all members this fall describing the market research portion of the campaign. A second DVD with current information will be mailed in an upcoming issue of *The Bulletin*. There will be details of the research as well as the conclusions and program suggestions. If the research remains supportive, a dues assessment will be requested at the 2006 HOD meeting to pay for the

program. Be sure to watch the DVDs, look at *The Bulletin*, AAO Web site and other materials. Please indicate your interest, questions and/or concerns to me or your MSO director.

The Council, in cooperation with the Council on Information Technology, is working to update the content and appearance of www.braces.org, the AAO consumer Web site. Currently, both councils plan to launch the site at the 2006 Annual Session in Las Vegas.

In the upcoming months, the Council will be involved in the completion of a General Dentist Survey. The survey, which will have both a qualitative and quantitative component, will help the Council and the AAO better understand the needs and concerns of general dentists and enhance the relationship between general dentists and orthodontists.

The Council currently is developing an "exit" brochure and a two-phase treatment brochure. The target completion date for both brochures is the spring of 2006.

In an effort to educate consumers about the benefits of orthodontic treatment, the Council is working on a public service announcement that will sell orthodontics as a healthy dental makeover. A 2005 AAO public service announcement, "A Lifetime of Smiles," won a gold award in the *Association Trends* 2005 All Media Contest. *Association Trends* is a national newspaper for association executives and suppliers.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

During its July meeting in Washington, D.C., COGA, along with Patton Boggs, LLP, the AAO's lobbying firm, mapped out a strategy for the AAO's legislative agenda. Significantly, it met with a number of lawmakers, including Senators **George Allen** (R-VA), **Jim Talent** (R-MO) and **Kent Conrad** (D-ND), as well as Representative **Nathan Deal** (R-GA) to discuss issues of importance to the AAO and its members.

During the meeting the Council also addressed the critical issues facing dentistry as follows:

The high cost of higher education has, in part, led to an increase in alternative scholarships that may limit an orthodontic student's options after graduation. The AAO believes that this has the potential to lead to substandard

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care. Therefore, COGA believes that the AAO should work to increase the level of scrutiny and transparency of the accreditation process.

Medicare makes direct and indirect contributions to hospitals for the training of residents through the Graduate Medical Education (GME) grants. Historically, this has extended to dental students who have trained through hospitals. However, recent revisions to those rules have restricted or eliminated funding for dental residents. The AAO believes this has resulted in a threat to the quality and availability of dental education in the United States.

Access to care is a key issue for all medical fields, including dentistry. The Council believes that the AAO should support initiatives that expand dental coverage to underserved/underprivileged populations, with the proviso that the same standards for care as elsewhere are applied. Much of the AAO's efforts in this regard will be in coordination with the American Dental Association.

Association Health Plan (AHP) legislation would allow organizations like the AAO to offer group health insurance to members and their employees in all 50 states, without having to comply with each of the states' individual laws concerning coverage. The AAO believes this would slow or decrease the spiraling cost of health care coverage for members and allow orthodontists to offer coverage to more employees, thus reducing the number of uninsured in the United States. Over the last four years, the AAO has joined coalitions supporting the legislation, which has been stalled in the Senate.

Orthodontists face a number of tax issues that impact their practices, including: (1) income limits on student loan interest deduction; (2) the estate tax; (3) the alternative minimum tax (AMT); and (4) provisions dealing with business depreciation, such as IRS section 179. The Council believes the AAO should promote tax policies that support the growth of orthodontic practices.

Regulatory issues are a concern to AAO members. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a component of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is part of the executive branch of the federal government. Periodically, the CDC publishes guidelines for infection control for dental practices. In the past, these guidelines have been unclear as to their reach, and have appeared to set guidelines that result in expensive and time-consuming practices that have little to no benefit to the orthodontist or patient. The Council believes that the AAO should actively lobby members of Congress and meet with regulatory officials to ensure that future guidelines do not unnecessarily interfere with high quality care in orthodontic practices.

Other issues which the Council believes the AAO

should monitor but not consider "high priority" include math and science education, ergonomics, patients' bill of rights and federal health care programs.

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Council on Information Technology

COIT met in St. Louis for an intense all-day planning session for several upcoming projects. This is going to be an exciting year with significant advances in technology that will benefit not only our society but also our private practices.

To start with, the AAO will be unveiling a brand new "home page" that our members may easily customize and use as their portal to the Internet. It will feature many of the standard news feeds like CNN and search engines like Google and may be set up to include customized stock quotes, local weather and movies. We will be able to set up links to our favorite Web sites and common Internet functions and, of course, we would be able to see the AAO news and highlights. We are hoping this will increase the usability of the members' site and draw more people into the discussion groups and forums. Keep your eyes open for more information about the specific launch date in an upcoming *The Bulletin* or *Straight off the Wire*.

The AAO is now ready to take on the hosting of constituent and component Web sites! GLAO should have their site completed in the next month or so with the MSO site not far behind.

Also watch for significant improvements in the flow and design of the members' Web site. The public www.braces.org Web site also will be getting a significant update with the help of the Council on Communications.

Dr. Will Engilman brought us up to date with the AAO's involvement in the Internet2 initiative. The technology and power behind this high-speed network is amazing. Several universities are using the extra bandwidth for sharing educational resources via video conferencing and live broadcasts. The AAO will be evaluating video conferencing for board and committee meetings as well as the broadcast concept to enhance the Distance Learning Program.

In addition, along the lines of Distance Learning, the Council will be evaluating new programs that would help record the annual session speakers along with their PowerPoint presentations and convert these to formats that

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can easily be viewed on our members' Web site or downloaded.

The AAO and COIT are moving toward a "paperless meeting" using technology that would allow for multi-user document editing and viewing. They also will be incorporating new online survey technology with significant improvements in reporting and efficiency.

Lastly, mark your calendars for the 2008 Technology Conference! The meeting will be held in February in Las Vegas and the committee is working very hard to put together a program which will provide "take-home tips" relevant to our daily practice as well as insights into the potential "hot" technologies of the future.

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Council on Insurance

The Council on Insurance continues to discharge its responsibilities to the AAO and its members along these distinct lines: oversight of the national administration of AAO-endorsed insurance programs; management of current lines of insurance business; introduction of new or enhanced insurance products consistent with the evolving requirements of AAO members; and the production and dissemination of materials on the topics of risk analysis, risk management and availability of AAO-endorsed insurance products.

A committee of COI has requested proposals from several national insurance brokers/administrators in response to a directive from the Board of Trustees to solicit a broker/administrator for AAO-endorsed insurance programs. It has recommended that the Board of Trustees retain the present broker, JLT Services, due to the exceptional performance of the insurance plans under their administration. All AAO-endorsed insurance lines – health and life, disability, medical, business protection, workers' compensation, long-term care, employment practices liability and professional liability – have shown growth in participation. The financial position and, consequently, the strength of all insurance plans has never been more favorable.

The Council recommended the Board of Trustees authorize the introduction of a 20-Year-Level-Term-Life insurance product which would assist interested members in financial and estate management and further recommended enhancement of the AAO term life insurance benefit limit by increasing the allowable death benefit to two million dollars for AAO members and one million dollars for spouses. An identity protection product is currently in development for AAO members.

Even though the New York Life Insurance Company, the AAO national insurance carrier for health and life insurance plans, recommended an 8% premium increase for the AAO medical plan in light of a national trend of 14%, the Council elected to delay any rate action until additional financial and experience information is available for the current policy year given the excellent experience of the plan to date.

The Council, in partnership with the AAO Insurance Company, continues to develop a DVD addressing risk management issues and the availability of AAO-endorsed insurance products.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

Although we have not had any face-to-face meetings or conference calls since the last newsletter, our Council has become very active with the use of a COMEJC LISTSERV. This has allowed us to deal with topics on a timely basis instead of waiting for a face-to-face meeting or a conference call. Moreover, using the LISTSERV is significantly less expensive than the other options.

The use of the LISTSERV has allowed all members of the Council to access information and respond to queries from all Council members as well as staff. Since I have been on the Council, I definitely have seen a change toward addressing issues of today's orthodontist and a more progressive AAO.

One of the items we have "discussed" has been the membership directory. Over the last several issues, it has increased significantly in size. Eventually, this directory will be online, but at this time the Council feels that a hard copy is still necessary. There are a number of areas in the directory that could be modified to make it more user-friendly. We still are discussing potential changes and formats of the directory.

Presentations are given to the orthodontic residents on the benefits of membership in the AAO prior to completing their residency. In the past, a 3-ring binder with a number of inserts was used. Subcommittees of COMEJC along with COC and CONYM have thoroughly revamped the binder and its contents. It is now available on AAO's Web site for anyone to use. If a hard copy is desired, a free one can be ordered. Check it out! In addition, there is a pocket version, which just has brief information along with

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the DVD and PowerPoint presentation. This version has been used by a couple of constituents as information for their new members.

There have been significant discussions about the whole membership process, the various membership categories, application fees, specific constituent membership requirements, the actual application for membership and other related membership issues. Progress on changing these to make them more relevant to today has not moved along as quickly as I had hoped, but we are, at least, going in the right direction. These issues have been discussed by a subcommittee of the Council which also included constituent executive directors.

There have been the usual ethical issues that the Council continues to deal with on a regular basis.

If you have any concerns or ideas about membership issues, please be sure to contact me.

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Council on New and Younger Members

Since the last newsletter, we have had one conference call; however, Council members have been busy. Dr. **Andrea Laidlaw**, PCSO, represented CONYM at the 2005 GORP meeting. Due to many residents' comments and questions, we decided that CONYM should have a more formal presence at the meeting including, possibly, a booth and lecture time. Dr. Laidlaw also attended the 2005 ADA New Dentist Conference where she was able to learn how that conference was formed and formatted as well as bring back new ideas for our Council to implement. Next year this conference will be in Boston, and we plan to send another CONYM representative. Dr. **Tanya Stavisky**, MASO, and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, MSO, served as subcommittee members to COMEJC in finalizing the new member binder.

Plans for the Council-sponsored New Orthodontist Conference at the 2006 Annual Session will be finalized at our next face-to-face meeting in Arizona at the "Orthodontist as CEO" conference. The topic will be practice management issues by **Paul Zuelke** followed by a panel Q&A session. After the lecture, there will be a cocktail reception, which will allow attendees and Council members an opportunity to meet and talk with each other. Mr. Zuelke also will be featured in the *New and Younger Members Online Newsletter (NYMO)* in February 2006, which can be found on the AAO Web site. We welcome any other ideas or topics you would like addressed in the online newsletter.

A subcommittee was formed to address specific information for residents which can be found on the AAO Web site. These plans include having a special section within the Web site that would present specific topics for residents and newer members including additional links to pertinent AAO topics. Another subcommittee was formed focusing on a new and younger membership development plan which addresses the needs and objectives of newer members and residents. This subcommittee will work very closely with a subcommittee from COMEJC.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

COHC has focused its efforts on two issues: access to orthodontic healthcare and the insurance industry's involvement with the specialty.

As recommended by COHC, the AAO endorsement of the Virginia Brown Community Orthodontic Partnership, now known as the "Smiles Change Lives" (SCL) program, has been officially launched. An article describing the program and announcing the endorsement to the membership was contained in recent issues of *The Bulletin* and *Straight Off the Wire*. Dr. **Rolf Behrents** of Saint Louis University has agreed to host SCL in the Saint Louis area. The University not only will serve as their local screening site but also will provide treatment to 20 to 30 children per year, particularly those with extreme problems. If you would like information about the "Smiles Change Lives" program in your area, consult the AAO Web site or www.smileschangelives.org.

The Council has worked with Drs. **Terry Pracht** and **Rod Dubois** in drafting insurance coding for submission to the ADA. Drs. **John Harrison** and **John Buzzatto** met with the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs in August regarding the committee's recommendations. Current orthodontic codes do not support specific procedures such as comprehensive orthodontic evaluation and post-orthodontic treatment retention procedures. The placement of temporary anchorage devices also was a consideration. The Council is aware of certain insurance companies reducing patients' lifetime orthodontic benefit by charging ancillary procedures such as extractions, surgical exposure-ligations and periodontal surgery as orthodontic

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procedures. The Council will be meeting with insurance industry representatives to discuss these and other issues that have been identified as being problematic for AAO members.

If you or your staff have specific insurance questions on behalf of your patients, the Dental Benefits Advisory Service (AAO Insurance Hotline) likely will have the answer for you. If, however, you have a general concern regarding how insurance falls short in its service to your patients, please contact me and I will voice your concerns to the Council.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

At the October meeting of COE plans were reviewed for upcoming 2006 events. Dental school deans will be invited to a luncheon to be held during the March 2006 meeting of the American Dental Education Association in Orlando where Dr. **Gene Roberts** will lead a presentation on productivity of the orthodontic clinic.

The 2006 Jacob D. Subtelny Educators Conference will be held prior to the AAO Annual Session on Friday, May 5, in Las Vegas. The program consists of three major speakers, Drs. **Greg Huang**, **Jeffrey Hutter** and **David Turpin**, dealing with the topic of evidence-based orthodontics, with several focus groups planned for the afternoon. The Educators Conference will be open to all educators, and registration materials will be available in the spring.

AAO grants have been awarded to the orthodontic programs at North Carolina, Louisville and Ohio State for the purpose of developing interactive, Internet2 distance learning programs that will allow the sharing of scarce faculty resources among all orthodontic departments. In the future COE will submit a request for AAO funds to assist accredited orthodontic programs that wish to purchase Internet2 hardware. As part of its evidence-based activities, COE provided suggestions and advice related to the planned AAO speaker registry.

Nearly 100 participants attended the ABO symposium for educators in October in St. Louis. The purpose of the symposium was to introduce changes in the ABO Phase II and Phase III examinations and provide opportunities for educators to participate in submission of questions as well as give feedback to the ABO directors.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

First of all, I would like to introduce myself as your new representative to this Council and would like to humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I am sure you know my predecessor, Dr. **David Musich**, left big shoes for me to fill, and I certainly will do my best. His legacy on this Council will continue for years as the programs and services that he initiated are continuing to actively work on your behalf.

As you may know, our Council serves the members of the AAO by providing vision, guidance and education to enhance your practices so that you may focus on what you do best—delivering the highest quality orthodontic care possible to your patients. If you have any suggestions, input or criticisms, I, obviously, would like to hear from you and hope that you will use me as a resource. The ideas coming from the “grassroots” of our constituency certainly can play a part in the successes that all of us may enjoy.

The highlights from our meeting are as follows:

- 2006 Transition/Orthodontist will be a full-day program in conjunction with the AAO Annual Session. This program is being developed by a subcommittee.
- 2006 S.T.A.R.T. Program (Staff Training: Advancing & Renewing Teams) will be a full-day program in conjunction with the Annual Session. The topic and speakers are currently being developed by a COOP subcommittee.
- COOP has developed a subcommittee to update the office design manual. It will be available on the Web site.
- The “Orthodontist as CEO” conference will take place on February 10-12, 2006, in Scottsdale, Arizona. **Michael Gerber**, author of *The E-Myth* and *The E-Myth Revisited*, will be the keynote speaker. Other topics for the conference are financial and tax planning, and fraud and identity theft protection, and COIT will be holding a half-day program which will focus on technology and the Internet for business. Registration for the conference opened in August.
- AAO Services, Inc. has partnered with COOP to study the feasibility of developing a coordinated staff training program in line with developing standards and educational guidelines for staff training.
- COOP is in charge of a staff competition program at the 2006 Annual Session.

Once again, thank you so much for the opportunity. I will work hard on your behalf.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

There is no report since the last issue of the newsletter. Please contact me if you need any information.

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American Board of Orthodontics

The ABO held its fall meeting and retreat in Paris in conjunction with the World Federation of Orthodontists meeting. The entire board met with representatives of the European Board of Orthodontists and board members from France, Germany, Italy and Australia. The exchange of ideas and information from the other boards was extremely interesting and beneficial to all the participants.

Speaking of Paris, I want to congratulate our MSO trustee, Dr. **Lee Graber**, for the tremendous leadership he has given the WFO over the past five years. Congratulations also are due Drs. **Mike Inda** and **Russ Kittleson**.

With the MSO meeting being held in France, an ABO case display for new diplomates was not planned. New diplomates from both 2005 and 2006 will be invited to display their board cases at the 2006 meeting in St. Louis.

As reported previously, the ABO has made many changes in board process and policies. The Gateway offer, which is a five-year certification followed by a recertification exam to an orthodontist who has passed the written examination, is a major change. Through October, 631 orthodontists have obtained board certification via the Gateway including 55 MSO members. The ABO is encouraging Gateway Diplomates to take the recertification examination as soon as possible. Passing the recertification exam will get the orthodontist ten years of certification plus the unused years from the Gateway offer.

Another big change that begins in April 2006 will be that the Phase II written exam will be taken entirely on computer at Pearson Vue Testing Centers nationwide. The exam will be available every day during the week of April 24-28, 2006, and registration must be completed by January 1, 2006. The Phase II written exam will not be given at the AAO Annual Session in May in Las Vegas. A resident poll showed a large majority of them would prefer a computerized exam near their residence. Almost all of the 23 medical boards and four dental boards are using Pearson Vue Centers for computerized examinations.

The ABO sponsored an educators' symposium on October 8, 2005, in St Louis. Two educators from each school were invited and approximately 85 educators attended the one-day presentation. The directors presented material on ABO history, the present and future of the written and clinical exams, scoring methods, calibration and early certification. The symposium ended with an interactive session whereby the board received valuable information from the educators.

As I mentioned in the summer *MSO Newsletter*, the Board has developed an educator Web site where educators can submit questions for possible use on the Phase II written examination. Over 1,000 questions had been submitted and banked by the end of the summer for future examination use. This has been a great asset to the Phase II committee in the construction of the written exam.

Dr. **Herb Klontz**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will receive the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award. The 2006 Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics will be given to Drs. **Richard Aubrey** (posthumously), **James Baldwin** and **Edward Genocov**. The 2006 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Dr. **George D. Selfridge** who served as the ABO Executive Director from 1987-1997.

I will end my term as ABO director in May 2007. Dr. **John Kanyusik** chairs a committee to gather nominees who would like to be an ABO director. The committee will select three to seven names and the Board will choose a new director from the list in February 2007.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

During its July meeting, the AAOPAC Board met with the AAO's new lobbying firm, Patton Boggs, LLP, to develop a strategy for increasing AAO member involvement in the AAOPAC. The AAOPAC also developed a strategy to focus its contributions to candidates in order to better serve the interests of orthodontists.

The Board also is working on several projects that will attract attention in the next year, including a complete redesign of its booth at the Annual Session. It also is developing new lapel pins to recognize contributors.

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The AAOPAC is vital to the interests of orthodontists. It allows COGA, as well as other AAO leaders, to have access to elected officials so that they may educate them on the critical issues facing dentistry today. In supporting candidates who hold views favorable to the AAO's, the AAOPAC can help to ensure that federal legislation and regulation does not unnecessarily burden the orthodontists' ability to treat patients in a safe, effective and affordable manner. Because burdensome regulation makes it more expensive for an orthodontic practice to operate, the cost of quality care is affected.

Over the next several years, the AAOPAC will work to educate our members on the importance of the PAC in order to increase contributions. Additionally, it will take steps to ensure that when it makes contributions, it takes maximum advantage of the opportunities it creates for AAO leaders to interact with candidates.

The AAOPAC has raised over \$200,000 in 2005, outpacing any other year since its inception in 1994.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

MSO member Dr. **Bob Nemeth**, St. Cloud, Minnesota, was installed as president at the July 2005 CDABO Annual Meeting, following in the footsteps of St. Louis University alum Dr. **John Carter**, Overland Park, Kansas.

While our family has wonderful memories from many CDABO annual meetings, this summer's meeting



Bob Nemeth, (l) "irons" out details with John Carter

under the direction of Dr. Carter was a highlight. He and his wife, **Colleen**, served as the perfect hosts for a creative week of fun activities that were organized down to the smallest detail. Over 450 attending doctors and their family members benefited from their tireless efforts.

Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota, was recognized as "2005 Honorary Chair" at this meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, located in New Mexico. Reviews of the scientific lectures are available on CDABO's Web site.

Be sure your calendar is marked for July 15-19 for

the 2006 CDABO Annual Meeting to be held at the Stein Eriksen Lodge in the beautiful area of Park City, Utah. The scientific sessions will be based on the theme of "Evidence-based Orthodontics" with speakers Drs. **Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman, Jason Cope, Tom Southard, Greg Huang, Charles Burstone, Harry Legan** and **David Turpin**. Registration materials will be mailed to CDABO members by March or you can go to the CDABO Web site for preliminary information. A number of MSO colleagues already have indicated they will be attending to congratulate Dr. Nemeth on his presidential term that concludes at this meeting.

CDABO and board-eligible diplomates should have received a mailing with the registration form for CDABO events to be held in conjunction with the 2006 AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. Current diplomates, as well as anyone interested in learning more about board certification, are invited to purchase a ticket in advance for the CDABO Annual Diplomate Luncheon to be held May 6 in the Venetian Hotel. Because food guarantees have to be made in advance for this event, please register in advance. CDABO also will be offering the Phase II exam preparatory course and a Model Measurement course during this Annual Session. A copy of the registration form may be found on the CDABO Web site.

For additional information, please go to CDABO's Web site at www.cdabo.org or contact the CDABO office at 636/922-5551 or cdabo@charter.net.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of November 1, 2005, the Endowment Campaign has realized \$28.1 million in pledges with \$18.2 million of that being redeemed. Currently, there are 413 Regents, those pledging at the \$25,000 level. A goal for the Foundation is "500 Regents by 2005." Also, Dr. **John Pershing** is the chair of a committee focused on obtaining "Fifty Fellows by 2005." A pledge at the Fellow level is for \$50,000 and there are 37 who have pledged that amount. There currently are 161 individuals of the Keystone Society who have made a commitment to include the Foundation in their estate plans.

The focus for this funding round of the Awards Program will continue to support "junior faculty" (i.e., Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards and

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Component Reports

Illinois

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Our 2005-2006 season started off on October 24th with an informative presentation by Dr. **Hee-Moon Kyung** on "The Use of Microimplants in Orthodontics." At our business meeting, President **Rick Sikora** presented a check



*Jeff Cavanaugh (l), Rick Sikora (c)
and Robert Hazel of the AAOF*

for \$1,000 to Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh**, the MSO representative to the AAOF. In addition, the ISO became a Regent Donor by pledging \$25,000 to the AAOF. Please consider becoming

a supporter of the AAOF by pledging a case or joining the Keystone Society. Dr. Sikora also previewed the AAO's proposed Public Awareness Campaign DVD to the membership in order to highlight its main points concerning the future of the orthodontic specialist.

The ISO is very proud of AAO Trustee and WFO President **Lee Graber** for the wonderful 2005 WFO/MSO meeting in Paris, France, this past September. It was a smashing success, with many ISO and MSO members attending. Thanks, Lee, for making our component society look so good worldwide.

Congratulations to Dr. **Steve Marshall**, who was recently appointed as the MSO representative to the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Our remaining program for the 2005-2006 year:
February 24 – Dr. **Steve Dugoni**, ISO-sponsored speaker at the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting

March 20 – Ms. **Rosemary Bray**, teamwork in the office

I wish you all a safe and happy New Year.

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The October ISO meeting was a great success. The

first day of the meeting was held in conjunction with the Iowa Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons. Speaker Dr. **Keith Sherwood** presented an informative lecture on "Implant-Based Orthodontics." Being both an orthodontist and oral surgeon, he was able to speak the language of both specialties. I think everyone left the meeting eager to try new techniques utilizing implants.

New officers were installed, as listed above. Dr. **Judith Demro** has been gracious enough to continue on for another year as Secretary/Treasurer. Judy does a great job planning these meetings and keeping us all informed of new happenings in the ISO. Special thanks to outgoing president Dr. **Carney Loucks** for his dedication and vast time commitment in the last year. Carney has been described as a "master of efficiency who attacked the real issues" during his tenure as president. Congratulations also to Dr. **Kim Wass** as a new member of the Executive Committee.

Dr. **Lee Wilham** handed out information about the "Meth Endangers Kids Program." In the last few years national news broadcasts have focused on Iowa's methamphetamine addiction problem. The MEK Foundation was formed to serve as a catalyst to turn our state from the "Meth Capital" to the "Meth Information Capital of America." It is very important that dental practitioners and other health-care providers are able to recognize the signs and symptoms of methamphetamine use. This program provides free information and educational materials for the general public about the dangers of methamphetamine use. For more information and brochures for your office, visit www.MEKIowa.org.

Please send me your updates and announcements if you wish to have them printed in the next *MSO Newsletter*.

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Manitoba

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Our last business meeting was held on November 17. Although there were not a lot of major issues discussed at this time, there was some discussion on the following items:

- The initiation of a new Public Relations Program likely using radio as the medium. This program would involve all interested orthodontists in the Province of Manitoba contributing financially to an advertising campaign. An attempt was made previously to start this joint venture,

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but it seems to be gathering speed this time.

- The Canadian Association of Orthodontists will be holding its Annual Meeting in Winnipeg in 2008. A tentative line-up of speakers for staff and doctors for the scientific portion has been arranged.

Dr. **Bob Schultz** was at the University of Manitoba in November giving a presentation to the graduate students on various aspects of radiology.

Our next business meeting is tentatively set for the third week in April.

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The MAO Board was well represented at the joint meeting of the MSO and the WFO in Paris, France, September 10-14, 2005. Our new director to the MSO, Dr. **Deb Lien**, our president, Dr. **Kevin Denis**, and board members Drs. **Steve Henseler**, **Tammy Meister**, **Michelle Bergsrud**, **Steve Litton** and **Brent Larson** all were in attendance. They report that the meeting was excellent as well as a wonderful experience. At the MSO business meeting, Dr. Larson was installed as Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Litton was installed as president-elect of the MSO.

The MAO has continued its representation at the Minnesota Board of Dentistry this fall. The expanded duties for dental assistants and dental hygienists are currently in the rule-making process with other changes proposed by the board. Drs. **Lee Sinna**, **Deb Lien** and **Donna Stenberg** continue to give the MAO excellent representation at these board meetings.

The Annual Winter Meeting of the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists is scheduled for January 6, 2006, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel with Dr. **Keith Sherwood** as our program speaker. Dr. Sherwood is a dual-trained oral surgeon and orthodontist and will be speaking on implant anchorage and impacted teeth. It should be informative for all who attend.

Plans are in the works for the Summer 2006 meeting. It is scheduled for Friday, August 25, at the Legends Golf Club with Dr. **Jay Bowman** as the speaker. More information will be forthcoming this spring.

The MAO Board has formed a task force to

develop the "Smiles Change Lives" program here in Minnesota for those children who need orthodontic treatment but cannot afford it. The task force includes Drs. **Kevin Denis**, **Keith Erickson**, **Michelle Bergsrud**, **John Beyer** and **Steve Litton**. If you wish to participate in this program, please feel free to contact any of the task force members.

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists is looking forward to participating in the MSO meeting in St. Louis, September 15-17, 2006. St. Louis will be showcasing "Excellence in Orthodontics," an outstanding opportunity for learning for doctors and staff and family fun. Dr. **Jim Klarsch** and his scientific program chair, Dr. **Buzz Behrents**, have put together an impressive list of speakers including Drs. **Jim McNamara**, **David Sarver**, **Dwight Damon** and others. The tentative baseball schedule has the Cardinals in town that weekend, so the MSO plans to hold an event at the new Busch Stadium on Friday evening.

Our Missouri meeting for 2007 will be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the Kansas Society of Orthodontists.

Members who are interested in becoming part of a practice coverage agreement should contact Dr. **Mark Dake**. Agreements already exist that cover parts of the urban areas of Missouri but do not exist that cover the rural areas of the state.

The Missouri Dental Association has been busy working with the legislators in Jefferson City monitoring legislative issues relative to dentistry. Please support their efforts and remain informed by contacting **Jake Lippert** at the MDA at jake@modental.org. Of some interest is a bill that was signed into law effective August 28, 2005, which allows the development of a Dental Hygienist Distance Education Program. The program will allow hygiene students to complete the didactic courses using the Internet and allow clinical training in a dental facility off campus that has been approved and accredited.

Again, a reminder to have staff members certified and to have them take the expanded functions exam to

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comply with state laws for those duties which they perform. An orthodontic course is scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2006, in Jefferson City. Contact Agnes at the MDA if you have staff members interested in the course that day or if you are interested in being a trainer.

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club will hold its annual CE meeting on January 27, 2006. It will be our privilege to have Dr. **S. Jay Bowman** speak on "Concepts and Controversies in Contemporary Orthodontics." The meeting will be held at Shadow Ridge Country Club in Omaha, Nebraska. Please contact Dr. **Lisa Strunk** at 402/330-5913 for further details.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists will hold their annual session and business meeting on Friday, March 24, 2006. Dr. **Rolf Behrents**, Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at Saint Louis University, will be presenting, "When Things Go Wrong—Ethical, Legal and Treatment Considerations." Happy Hollow Country Club in Omaha will be the meeting location. For more information, please contact Dr. **Pete Ziegler** at 402/397-0500.

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North Dakota

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The membership in the North Dakota Society of Orthodontists increased 8.5 % this year! Dr. **Ryan West** has joined the practice of Dr. **James McCulley**. Ryan, a native of Utah, is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Dentistry and the University of Minnesota Orthodontic Department. His wife, **Jenny**, and their three children are enjoying life in Fargo.

Four members from North Dakota were in Paris for the MSO/WFO meeting. Dr. **Brian Jespersion**, Bismarck, currently is serving on the Council on Orthodontic Practice.

A spring meeting is being planned.

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South Dakota

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The SDSO will hold its next annual business meeting in conjunction with the Southeast District Dental Society continuing education meeting. This CE meeting will feature Dr. **Peter Ngan**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics at West Virginia University, Morgantown. Dr. Ngan, a dual specialist with board certification in orthodontics and pediatric dentistry, will present "Early Timely Orthodontic Treatment." All general dentists, orthodontists and members of the SDSO are invited to participate in this informative presentation. The meeting will be held Friday, March 10, 2006, in Sioux Falls at the Ramkota Best Western Hotel. On-site registration begins at 8:00 am with program beginning at 8:30 am. Registration information may be obtained by contacting Dr. **Gayle Nelson** at 605/338-0884.

The SDSO will conduct its business meeting with election of officers after the conference. One item on the agenda to be discussed is consideration for establishing an annual Black Hills Orthodontic Meeting to be held during the summer months. Members of the SDSO who are interested in serving as an officer or who have candidates they would like to see serve (these are two-year terms), should submit names to one of the current officers.

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The WSO did not have their usual fall meeting due to the joint meeting with the MSO in Paris on September 10-14, 2005. We are very proud to have our own Dr. **Mike Inda** finishing a successful term as the MSO president. Thank you, Mike, for all you have done for orthodontics, especially the WSO. We again acknowledge Dr. **Russ Kittleson**, for receiving the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the MSO at a reception in his honor.

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Newest MSO Directors

The MSO welcomes two new directors to its Board of Directors. We thank outgoing directors Drs. **Brent Larson**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who is now MSO's secretary/treasurer and **Bill Schuckit**, Grafton, Wisconsin, and welcome Drs. **Deborah Lien**, Rochester, Minnesota, and **John Crawford**, Kenosha, Wisconsin.



Deborah J. Lien

Dr. **Deborah Lien** grew up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota. She was a practicing hygienist while completing her dental degree at the University of Minnesota in 1983. She received her orthodontic training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and practices in Blooming Prairie. She also does Locum Tenens.

Deb is very active in her community, having served in her church, the Appalachian Service Project, and the Good Earth Bible Camp. She also has been a PTSA

volunteer and Director and Educator for the Rochester Public Schools Gifted and Talented Reading Programs.

In addition, Deb has been very involved with her local and district dental societies and has been a delegate to the Minnesota Dental Association's House of Delegates several times.

Deb also has been active with the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists for the last 20 years and served as its first female president in 2002. The last several years she has been most involved with the State Board of Dentistry dealing with issues of Minnesota's specialty licensure, orthodontic auxiliary expanded functions and legislative and rule-making changes.

Home life in Rochester revolves around Deb's husband, **Dale**, a manufacturing engineer, and her two

children, **Aaron**, a freshman in college; and **Ana**, a junior in high school.

Deb comments, "Through the years I have found that I've drawn from my farm background and the fond memories and lessons learned there in nearly every aspect of my professional and personal life."

Dr. **John Crawford**, one of seven children, was raised in Kenosha, where he now practices. He graduated from Marquette's Dental School in 1982. After practicing general dentistry for one year with his father, he entered the orthodontic program at Marquette, where he graduated in 1985. He completed his ABO certification in 1988.

John maintains active memberships in dental and orthodontic organizations as well as the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. He has served as president of the local American Cancer Society and the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Southport Bank, a local community bank.

John and his wife, **Susan**, have three children, **Jane**, **James** and **Julie**. He has coached little league and youth soccer, and his hobbies include family time as well as lots of outdoor activities and jazz piano. He plays piano regularly in a family group, The Crawford Jazz Band, as well as in several area jazz big bands.

We welcome both of these talented individuals to our Board and look forward to their insightful comments as the MSO continues to move forward.



John R. Crawford

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Our spring 2006 meeting will be held at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva on April 10-11. Dr. **Dwight Damon** will do a presentation on the Damon system at this doctors-only meeting. Members will be receiving more detailed information as well as a registration form in the near future.

The fall 2006 meeting will be held at the newly-renovated Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin, on October

9-10, 2006. Ms. **Cathy Sundvall** will combine her practice management and clinical expertise to present a program for doctors, spouses and staff to enjoy. This is a great time of the year in Lake Geneva along with moderate temperatures for golf or lake cruises.

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Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

Congratulations to our graduating second-year residents, Drs. **Nick Ferri**, **Mike Melugin**, **Jake Jarvis**, **Jacob Daub** and **Douglas Barden**. Dr. Ferri is going into practice in Grafton, Wisconsin, with Dr. **William Schuckit**; Dr. Melugin in Brookfield, Wisconsin, with Drs. **John Pinzak** and **Pam Hanson**; and Dr. Daub with Dr. **Mike Gabler** in Appleton, Wisconsin. Dr. Jarvis has joined a group practice in Appleton, and Dr. Barden is planning to relocate out west in either Colorado or Phoenix. Four of the five residents this year had manuscripts accepted for publication in *The Angle Orthodontist*, which was an outstanding performance from them. The fifth paper also is going to press, so we are very proud of our graduating class.

Dr. **Russ Kittleson** was honored with the Earl E. Shephard Distinguished Service Award at the combined MSO and WFO meeting in Paris in September. This award is given for outstanding service and contributions to our profession and is a well-deserved recognition for all that Russ has done for orthodontics.

We were delighted to welcome to our department Dr. **Dawei Liu** as a new full-time faculty member. Dr. Liu, originally from China, who completed his Ph.D. there, has previously been a faculty member at Aarhus, Denmark, and more recently at Indiana University. He has extensive experience in basic research, and we are delighted to have him on board. Dr. Liu replaced Dr. **Francisco Villalobos** who resigned in May and has returned to private practice after nearly six years of loyal and dedicated service. We thank Dr. Villalobos for his efforts and wish him well.

On June 4, 2005, we welcomed our new first-year residents, Drs. **Markus Niepraschk**, **Dan Rejman**, **Nadav Segal**, **Jeff Foster** and **David Mershon**. We look forward to having a successful and productive two years with them.

Drs. **Peter Reichel** and **Matthew Heim** have joined our part-time faculty ranks. Both will be a part of our team in the sophomore lab which starts in January 2006. Dr. **John Conover** rejoined our faculty after a break of a couple of years. John served previously as Department Chairman and then later on as a part-time faculty member. We are delighted to have him back and thank him and our entire part-time faculty for their contributions to the department.

In October we hosted Dr. **Daou Olivera** for a half-day seminar with the residents and Dr. **Ted Freeland** in December for a two-day seminar. We thank both speakers for coming and sharing their clinical experience and philosophy.

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Mayo Clinic

The academic year has gotten off to a fast start. Dr. **Anthony MacIsaac** returned to Canada and currently is in private practice in Alberta. Our newest young orthodontist is Dr. **Bryan Vibeto**. He's a 2001 University of Minnesota graduate, a genuine Gopher fan and great resident in the Mayo Clinic tradition. His wife, **Amber**, and daughter, **Halle**, are welcome additions to the Clinic family. He attended the annual GORP meeting in Seattle in August. □

The long-awaited clinic renovation has begun. The three-phase project is expected to last 18 months. Construction began in the old oral surgery suites which will become the new home for periodontics. Prosthodontic improvements will be followed by a "facelift" for the orthodontic clinic. The orthodontic consulting staff will have offices in the old perio hallway. These upgrades are long overdue and worth the anticipated minor inconveniences. The new layout will be very efficient, and the residents will finally have a little more space.

Over the summer Dr. **Fred Regennitter** was appointed as a consultant on the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation. He also presented a two-day course in June to the U.S. Army general practice residents at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Dr. **Rose Sheats** was elected secretary of the Zumbro Valley Dental Society. She also presented a review of Mayo Clinic orthodontic research at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

As 2005 draws to a close, I want to thank all of the alumni for their support this year. We enjoy your notes and comments. Some of you will be receiving a post-graduate survey. Please take a few minutes to complete and return it to **Amy Payton**, our education coordinator. Your views in this changing profession are important in keeping the curriculum current.

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December 2005. They have scattered across the United States and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably. They and their home dental school are **Matthew Bauer**, Southern Illinois University; **David Bunkall**, University of Washington; **Nicholas Dahar**, University of Pittsburgh; **Paul Doi**, University of Texas at San Antonio; **Jeffrey**

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Gust, University of Missouri at Kansas City; **Carolyn Jennings**, University of Kentucky; **Wael Kanaan**, Aleppo University Faculty of Dentistry; **Jeffrey Lingenbrink**, University of Washington; **David Mikulencak**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Eric Peterson**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Matthew Radkowski**, Case Western Reserve University; **Ilene Rees**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Melissa Roehm**, University of Iowa; and **Richard Ziehmer**, Indiana University.

In conjunction with graduation, Dr. **Pat Turley** delivered the second annual Edward Hartley Angle Memorial Lecture. Approximately 200 attended the festivities in celebration of graduation. Dr. **Ki Beom Kim**, a graduate of the program at Vanderbilt, has joined the faculty at Saint Louis University.

All MSO students are welcome to attend any of our guest lectures this coming spring. Information can be found on the CADE Web site.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

The class that entered in August 2005 was the first UIC class to assemble entirely digital patient records, including study models. The curriculum was modified significantly to provide the basic instruction on computer technology necessary to understand and utilize orthodontic software, digital photography and radiography and auxiliary hardware. Drs. **Budi Kusnoto** and **Allen Pan** are the primary instructors and planners for UIC's digital efforts.

The 11th International Symposium on Dentofacial Development and Function will be held at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel and Tower, June 18-22, 2006, under the sponsorship of UIC's Department of Orthodontics (<http://www.uic.edu/depts/dort/symposium.html>). This symposium features presentations in craniofacial genetics, bioengineering and technology, tooth agenesis and craniofacial anomalies, management of functional and behavioral problems, clinical orthodontics and clinical pediatric dentistry. The main conference speakers are Drs. **Samir Bishara**, **Jose Dahan**, **Athanasios Athanasiou**, **Birte Melsen**, **Kurt Faltin, Jr.**, **Adrian Becker**, **Ennio Gianni**, **Abbas Zaher**, **Negat Erverdi** and **Etsuko Kondo**. We invite abstract submissions from clinicians, researchers and graduate students in disciplines related to craniofacial growth and development.

The Brodie family made a commitment for a second endowed professorship at UIC. They will build out a

laboratory and support the professorship of Dr. **Anne George**, a world expert on dentin proteins and tooth formation.

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University of Iowa

We wish to welcome the members of our new first-year class: Drs. **Dan Gabriel**, **Chad Morarend**, **Marlene Sanabria** and **Alex Sierk**. Our second-year class consists of Drs. **Bryan Brettin**, **Nicole Eberle**, **Bob Fuhrman**, **Jenni Loucks** and **Allyn Thames**. Dr. **Luciana VanWesten** has completed a major portion of her clinical education and is concentrating on her doctoral work. Our faculty are grateful to these young persons for coming to learn with us.

A special word of thanks to Drs. **Carney Loucks**, **Bill DeKock**, **Dave Diehl**, **Ron Hanneman**, **Paul Hermanson** and **Steve Marshall**. As our part-time adjunct faculty, they regularly volunteer their time for the betterment of the orthodontic program and our residents' education. The department would have a very difficult time managing without their help.

Drs. **Bill DeKock**, **Karin Southard**, **Robert Staley**, **John Casco** and myself have now completed a three-year AAOF-sponsored grant to develop an easy-to-use, modifiable database for maintenance of facial growth collections on the World Wide Web. The longitudinal lateral cephalometric radiographs from the Iowa Facial Growth study have been digitized in a standard image format and stored, along with the associated patient demographic data, in a database for use by researchers worldwide. As I write this report, this research tool is being used by American and European researchers, and their feedback has been extremely positive.

The 27th Annual Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar on surgical orthodontics will be held at the Lion Square Lodge in Vail, Colorado, from January 28-February 4, 2006.
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University of Manitoba

There has been a flurry of activity at the University of Manitoba since the last newsletter. Our research activities have shifted to top gear. Dr. **Marina Milstein** presented

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her research at the AAO Annual Session in San Francisco with a travel grant from the AAO. Drs. **Nick Karaiskos,**



Nick Karaiskos, Milos Lekic, Amani Morra, Sonia Lapointe and Billy Wiltshire

Sonia Lapointe, Milos Lekic, Amani Morra and Susan Tsang presented their research at the WFO meeting in Paris and at the CAO meeting in Quebec City, during September. Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** presented a lecture at the AAO in San Francisco, the FDI in Montreal and the WFO in Paris. He also represented Canadian educators in Paris at the

WFO workshop on International Boards. In Quebec City at the CAO he chaired a meeting of Canadian undergraduate orthodontic educators, the first such national workshop in more than 20 years. Dr. Wiltshire also lectured on orthopedic orthodontics at the University of Athens, Greece.

At the Quebec City meeting, our alumni society was officially inaugurated with Dr. **Peter Gold** installed as its first president and Dr. **Dan Stuart** as vice president. Each have pledged \$25,000.

In 2006 our program will be 40 years old and we will be celebrating our Ruby anniversary. We plan to hold a homecoming of our orthodontic alumni in June. Dr. **Guy Lacoste**, Montreal, presented a check for \$5,000 to the program. Since April 2004, we have about \$150,000 pledged and about \$44,000 received in alumni donations to our program. This has allowed us to proceed with upgrading in our clinic where we installed 14 brand new units over the past summer. The "Fantastic Five" alumni, Drs. **Jeff Bales, Ken Danyluk, Kent Goldade, Zvi Kennet and Mark Ziedenberg**, have most generously pledged \$25,000 each for a total of \$125,000, specifically towards the purchase of state-of-the-art digital radiology equipment. Dr. Bales is a recent alumnus of the program and practices in Brandon, Manitoba. Dr. **Kris Row**, Winnipeg, also has made a very generous pledge of \$20,000. The program salutes these donors for their support, caring, giving and generosity. It is particularly impressive to see such a strong donor commitment from our younger orthodontic alumni, notably those having graduated from our program in the past seven to eight years.

Congratulations are in order for three of our part-time orthodontists, Drs. **Tim Dumore, Hermann Lee and Bruce McFarlane**, who, subject to approval of our Board of Governors, have been nominated for promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor in Orthodontics.

Drs. **Allan** and **Bob Baker** have returned from a

successful trip to the orthodontic program in Chapel Hill where Dr. Bob Baker was looking at the use of digital radiology in their program, and Dr. Allan Baker had discussions with UNC staff regarding the teaching of biomechanics.

We welcome our new first-year residents, Drs. **Magda Folwarczna**, Halifax, **Nick Karaiskos**, Winnipeg, and **James Noble**, Toronto, and wish them success in our program.

Our orthodontic outreach services in Norway House are going very well. Dr. **Mordechai Benami** flies into Norway House three days a month to provide orthodontic services to the Norway House First Nations children. Currently, the program has about 40 patients under full fixed orthodontic treatment. The huge benefit of providing treatment "on reserve" is that there is full support from two faculty-based dentists who live and work there and can provide ongoing emergency care, motivation and oral hygiene for these patients as well as manage appointments and access to services. Our thanks to Dr. Benami for his continued commitment to this important outreach program!

We are digging ourselves out of our first November winter storm, which dumped 35cm of snow on Winnipeg, where it looks like a winter wonderland already! This formed a nice backdrop for our annual clinic holiday party where our support staff treat our residents to wonderful food, with "Jingle Bells" sung by our first-year residents. As usual, this party was enjoyed by all.

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University of Minnesota

The academic year is well underway and the first-year residents have been actively starting new patients all fall. One big change from previous years is that we are asking them to do all of their treatment charting electronically. This is a change that will provide great benefit in the future, with better access to data for clinical research and no more hunting for lost charts! The residents have been great about adjusting to this change even when it has not been easy. They realize that this is the way they will practice in the future.

Drs. **John Kanyusik** and **Brent Larson** attended an ABO Forum in St. Louis last October. The purpose of the forum was to discuss changes in the ABO certification process that could lead to board certification shortly after graduation. Although the rules have not yet been finalized, it will likely be difficult to have our students start and finish

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an adequate number of cases within our current 24-month program. Discussions are beginning about the possibility of increasing the program length to 30 months, although no decisions have been made yet.

January brings the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists meeting in Minneapolis. The residents and faculty will have the opportunity to hear Dr. **Keith Sherwood**, a dual-trained orthodontist-surgeon, speak about micro-implants and the management of impacted teeth. In February the first-year residents will travel to Michigan to participate in the annual Moyer's Symposium with funding provided by the Orthodontic Residents Endowment. This year's topic will focus on assessing the benefit of early treatment.

We are continuing to work at upgrading our facilities. This past fall new carpeting was installed in the waiting area and the corridor areas in the clinic. New paint colors also were added in the waiting area. The changes are being introduced to bring a new, consistent color scheme to the school. In addition, the residents' room is being remodeled to provide improved study areas for the residents (funded in part by the Orthodontic Residents Endowment) and to provide a break area for staff and residents. Come and visit when you are nearby and see the changes!

We again will have an alumni reception at the AAO meeting in Las Vegas. Please make it a priority to join us. The reception is tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, May 6, from 7:00-9:00 at the Venetian Hotel. Check the onsite program for the exact location.

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

Unfortunately for UMKC and for orthodontics, Dr. **George Muehlebach** passed away this fall. He made significant contributions to our postgraduate program for more than 30 years and even gave back by inculcating in his son, Dr. **Kurt Muehlebach**, and son-in-law, Dr. **Frank Crist**, a desire to teach. We will miss him and his love for the residents and for orthodontics. His wife, **Marcy**, lives at 11825 Avila Dr., Kansas City, MO 64114.

Our appreciation to Dr. **Don Thompson**, our interim postgraduate director, for his significant contributions to the postgraduate program. This was confirmed by the SWSO this year, which presented him with the Martin Dewey Memorial Award. Way to go, Don!

Our part-time faculty manages not only to teach

and to maintain private practice but also to contribute to organized orthodontics. This year Dr. **Vance Dykhouse** continues his hectic schedule as president-elect of the ABO Board of Directors, and Dr. **Jeff Thompson** was elected secretary-treasurer of SWSO.

Our residents are becoming acclimated to a gorgeous new clinic that was funded primarily by the alumni. All faculty, staff and residents truly appreciate their support. Alumni will have a chance to visit the clinic during the alumni meeting this spring. They will be bused from the hotel to a reception in the clinic during the late afternoon on March 16, 2006.

Our first-year residents include Drs. **Adam Saylor**, University of Pennsylvania; **Erin Sabedra Jamesen**, Baylor; and **Nellie Kim-Weroha** and **Shelly Kawamoto** from UMKC. Both Nellie and Shelly have enrolled in the masters degree program. Dr. **Don Sanchez**, one of the second-year residents, currently is completing his masters research on the effects of fluoride on porcelain brackets. His career goals include full-time teaching. Drs. **Dustin Burleson** and **Brent Wood**, two other second-year residents, are devising interactive educational multimedia programs and will test them this summer. Dr. **Mark Revels**, an Okie, is testing alignment of self-ligating brackets. Drs. Burleson, Wood and Revels currently are looking for practice opportunities, although Dr. Revels is headed back to Oklahoma.

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University of Nebraska

The first-year residents, Drs. **Michael Crosby**, UCLA, **Paul Robinson**, Nova Southeastern, and **Loren Short**, Oregon Health Sciences, joined our program on July 1. Our second-year residents continue to make progress on their research projects that include the following topics: "Stress Magnitude and Interleukin-1 Affect Speed of Orthodontic Tooth Movement" by Dr. **Jeffrey Chandler** and "An Analysis of the Effects of Orthognathic Surgery on TMJ and Muscle Forces" by Dr. **Benjamin Thornton**. First-year residents currently are working on a case report with Dr. Spalding entitled, "Treatment of Bimaxillary Protrusion Using a Palatal Implant."

Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeff Nickel** were co-authors of four abstracts published by the *Journal of Dental Research* in 2005.

Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel and collaborators, includ-

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ing 2002 alumni Drs. **Albert (Sonny) Tutor**, **Scott Gibson** and **Navin Hukmani**, had an article entitled, "Relationship of Tooth Movement and Cytokines and Whole Blood in Growing and Non-Growing Humans," published in *AJO/DO* 128:483-491.

Dr. **Peter Spalding** made a presentation entitled, "Orthodontic Management During the Primary and Mixed Dentition," at the International Dental Congress in Cairo, Egypt, in late November.

All three 2005 graduates, Dr. **Matt Moss** ("The Effects of Static and Impulsive Loading on Compressive Stresses and Ploughing Forces on the Porcine TMJ"), Dr. **Warren Johnson** ("Geometric Relationships Influencing TMJ and Muscle Forces During Static Biting") and Dr. **Marc Welge** ("The Effect of Mechanical Stimulation on CRLR mRNA Expression in Osteoblast-like Cells"), defended their respective theses this past summer and early fall. Dr. Moss opened a practice in Cody, Wyoming. Dr. Johnson is practicing in Colorado, and Dr. Welge joined a practice in West Des Moines, Iowa.

With financial assistance provided by the Douglas Eversoll Memorial Fund, our students are preparing to travel to Las Vegas and present their research at the upcoming

ing AAO Annual Session in May 2006.

Congratulations go to Dr. **John Ficke** (class of 1996), part-time orthodontic faculty member, for a Faculty Recognition Award presented by the Dental Class of 2006 in August. Recognition also goes to Drs. **Bret Cooper** (class of 1994) and **Michael Hoxie** (class of 1995) and **Kim Stafford** (class of 1993 and part-time faculty member) for becoming board certified and new members of CDABO.

Thanks, in part, to a generous donation by Dr. **Phil Etzelmiller** (class of 1963), construction on the new clinical laboratory was completed in late summer. With the aid of a very generous donation from Dr. **Henry Cech** (class of 1958) and his wife, **Anne**, as well as other orthodontic alumni, construction is well under way on a new and much larger conference room that will include our department library, three computer stations and seating for at least 14. The new conference space will be created in the old pediatric dentistry lab area in conjunction with the renovation of the pediatric dentistry clinic. In addition, two offices will be placed in our old conference room space. We are hoping for completion in January 2006.

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environmentalist; and **John**, an orthodontist who practices with him. Russ previously practiced with his brother, **Nathan**, for 35 years. He is the proud grandfather of three boys and two girls, all of whom give "Poppy" a great deal of pleasure.

Congratulations, Russ! You have been a true guiding light in the orthodontic profession.

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As you can see, it will be a busy year for MSO leaders and members. I announced when installed as president this past September in Paris, that my goal was to incorporate FEES for the 2005-2006 MSO year (Fun, Efficient use of time, Efficacious to produce intended results and Surprises for officers, directors and the MSO office staff). I am honored you have chosen me to serve as your president, as together we work toward a winning season in 2005-2006!

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Biomedical Research Awards) and collaborative projects (Center Awards). Specific details may be obtained at www.aaofoundation.net. The Board has determined that there will be no funding available in 2006 for any of the other announced categories – Program Awards, Educational Innovation Awards, Research Aid Awards or Gifts in Support of Orthodontic Education.

The Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) will meet January 21, 2006, in St. Louis to review the applications and proposals for these awards and to make recommendations as to which should be funded when the AAOF Board meets in March 2006. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated almost \$5 million dollars for awards to help address the challenges facing orthodontic education, primarily in support of junior faculty. A preliminary study by PARC shows that almost 80 percent of junior faculty supported by the AAOF since 1998 are still in academics.

The AAO Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament now is planned for the Revere Golf Club in Las Vegas on Friday, May 5, 2006. Once again, the Foundation is grateful to American Orthodontics, GAC International and Ormco for sponsoring this event. A "Golfer Registration Form" may be downloaded from www.aaofoundation.net.

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Highlights of 2005 MSO in Paris

The 2005 Annual Business Meeting included the following key accomplishments:

- Approving a number of bylaws changes to make MSO bylaws consistent with AAO's, including life-active and life-affiliate members paying 50% of the active/affiliate dues and assessment rates.
- Announcing the adoption of the following MSO Mission Statement: The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO), as a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), supports the mission of the AAO by providing resources, communication and leadership, while serving as a voice for its component societies and individual members.
- Recognizing Drs. **Dave Musich**, Illinois, for service on COOP; **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, for service on COIT and as Minnesota's director; and **Bill Schuckit**, Wisconsin, for service as Wisconsin's director.
- Welcoming new MSO directors Drs. **John Crawford**, Wisconsin, and **Deb Lien**, Minnesota.
- Approving the proposed 2006 budget, active member applicants and the nomination research committee slate.
- Installing new officers: President **Jim Klarsch**, Presi-



Lee Graber, his wife, Jane, and Samir Bishara

dent-elect **Steve Litton**, Vice President **Mike Hipp**, and Secretary/Treasurer **Brent Larson**.

Attending MSO members and their family members were led by a strolling violinist from the business meeting to a delightful French wine and cheese reception to honor MSO dignitaries Drs. **Russell Kittleson**, Wisconsin, as the 2005 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award winner; **Lee Graber**, Illinois, at the conclusion of his five-year term as WFO President; and **Bill DeKock**, Iowa, as the ongoing WFO Secretary-General.

WFO leaders Drs. Graber and DeKock worked to ensure that MSO members obtained first-class accommodations and service during our events. President **Mike Inda** and his wife, **Pat**, personally visited a number of sites in advance in Paris to lay the groundwork, provided valuable travel information and showed their gracious hospitality onsite to make sure everyone had a wonderful experience. We thank you for this memorable adventure.

Thanks also to the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists and the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists for underwriting some of MSO's financial costs for this meeting since there were no registration fees assessed by the MSO.

2006 MSO in St. Louis

Reserve September 15-17 to meet in St. Louis for the 2006 MSO Annual Session. The meeting planned to "Show Me Excellence" will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Union Station, located within walking distance of the new Busch stadium. Members are encouraged to bring their entire family as there will be a number of exciting social events for doctors, staff and family members. A first for MSO and maybe any constituent meeting – MSO is providing optional "childcare" in the hotel during lecture times for those moms and dads who want to bring their younger children with them to the meeting and also participate in the program events.

Registration materials will be mailed this summer.

2007 MSO in San Antonio

Plans are underway for the MSO 2007 Annual Session, September 26-30, to be held in San Antonio at the Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter. This will be a joint meeting with the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists and the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

For those who have not experienced the riverwalk, you are in for a treat. You can ride a canal boat for an overview to select any one of a number of fine restaurants and watering holes. In addition to having a good time, we also will have an inspiring array of speakers for orthodontists and staff.

Even though it is planned for almost two years from now, you'll not want to miss this special meeting.



“Show Me Excellence” by keeping up-to-date on the latest techniques and information by networking with attending orthodontists, staff and exhibitors and participating in presentations featuring:

Doctor Presentations

Dr. Dwight Damon • Dr. Brody Hildebrand
 Dr. Michael Williams • Dr. Jim McNamara
 Dr. Eustaquio (Tako) Araujo • Mr. Donald Lewis
 Dr. Jason Cope • Dr. Ron Roncone
 Dr. David Sarver • Dr. Gerald Samson • Mr. Bill Sutton

Staff Presentations

Mr. Bruce Manchion • Mr. Bruce Christopher

“Show Me” your calendar is reserved for MSO’s annual meeting to be held at the historic Hyatt Regency St. Louis at Union Station and Saint Louis University, and the 2006 MSO planning committee will “Show You” this is an event you’ll be glad you, your staff and family won’t miss! Be watching for registration materials to be sent to MSO members June, 2006 or go to www.msortho.org for updates.

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